

Eid-El-Fitr Kutba

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All thanks be to Allah, we seek His help and His forgiveness and to Him we repent, and we fortify ourselves with Him from evil within us, and from our bad deeds. This who is guided by Allah then nothing will misguide him, and whoever is misguided by Allah then no one will guide him. I testify that there is no God but Allah, and that Muhammad is His slave and His messenger.

Allah is the greatest, and all thanks be to Allah. Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar.

Fear Allah in public and in privacy, and avoid the wrongful acts again in public and in private. And know that today is time for actions and deeds with no accountability, and tomorrow is accountability and no deeds. Do work today for tomorrow. Do as much work as the reward you hope to receive from your God. Allah says: {whoever does a tiny grain worth of good deed shall see it, and whoever does a tiny grain worth of bad deed shall see it}99:7-8.

Muslims, this is Eid day, day of glorifying of Allah (*Takbeer* day). For us Muslims, the decorations for the Eid is Takbeer. Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar.

Allah Akbar is the symbol or slogan of Muslims. A Muslim starts his prayers five times a day with this great word "Allah Akbar". The call for each prayer (or Azan) five times a day starts with this word: "Allah Akbar". A Muslim announces that his prayer is about to start (E-qamah) five times a day starting it with this word: "Allah Akbar". When a Muslim slaughters his sacrifice says: "In the name of Allah, and Allah Akbar". A Muslim going into battle, his cry of war is: "Allah Akbar". "Allah Akbar" is the decoration of

Eid. So, do takbeer and say: "Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar, No God but Allah. Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar, and thanks be to Allah"

The two joys for this who fasts:

Muslims have two Eids. Eid-El-Fitr (or End of Fast Eid) and Eid-El-Adha (or End of Hajj Eid). Each of those two Eids come after a great act or a compulsory worship. After fasting the month of Ramadan, and after the Hajj or pilgrimage to Mekka.

One who fasts has two joys, the first happens each time he/she break the fasting. The second joy they day he/she meet their Lord. A Muslim at the end of Ramadan has another joy, that is the joy of being made to succeed in doing this obedience to Allah. It is that Allah may he be praised has blessed him with the blessing of fasting and night prayers. The Eid comes complementing this blessing. Muslims become delighted that Allah assisted and enabled him or her to go through and complete the month of fasting. One way to express thanks to Allah by a Muslim is that he should not live this joy alone and in isolation. Instead he ought to share it with others who are poor and the destitute. And it is for that reason that Allah commanded Zakat-El-Fitr charity. A Muslim submits Zakah for him/her self and for each of those he/she supports like a wife and children.. m Whoever gives thanks to Allah. Zakah is a small amount obligatory for any one who has access of the food needed for this day and night. Islam wants to train the Muslim to give and donate in the good and in the bad. Even a poor Muslim can give and may receive Zakah. A Muslim on this day seeks out the poor and delivers the Zakah to him.

Eid day is in a way similar to the day of resurrection. You would see some happy faces and some sad faces. The happy faces are those upon whom Allah has bestowed and completed the blessings of fasting. They deserve to be happy. The sad faces are for those who did not appreciate the blessing of Allah, and did not implement the command of Allah to fast and pray. It is bad news for them.

The *Sunnah* of Women Participation in Eid Prayer

The messenger (ppbu) used to hold the Eid prayer in the open. It was never reported the he held the Eid prayer inside a mosque except once when it rained. All Muslims in the city would gather together in once place out in the open in a large Islamic festival men and women. The messenger (ppbu) recommended that a woman should come out for Eid prayer even if she needed to borrow a dress from a friend. Even women who may not be able to pray due to a period or otherwise should come and attend the celebration without having to participate in the prayer.

Be kind to the poor, the destitute, to your children and families. Give them without over spending and without being tight.

This who does a bad deed will be rewarded accordingly. And this who comes up with good deed will be rewarded its value or ten times its value or up to seven hundred times its value. The winner is that who sticks to Allah's obedience and the loser is that who is disobedient to Allah.

Be warned from committing murder, adultery, usury, taking the money of the orphans, or get money through wrongful means. Be warned against alcohol the mother of all evil. Be warned against disloyalty to the parents, and breaking contacts with the blood relatives, and breaking promises, and false testimony. Be warned from over condemning, and from backbiting, and wrongful slander, and lying, cockiness and ridiculing others. Be warned against bad suspicions and doubts towards the innocent, and do not reduce and destroy your donations with stressing it as favor and hurting the recipient. Do a plenty of remembering Allah at night and at day. And train yourselves to curtail your looks, and support to Allah. And help the needy and rescue the endangered, and support and assist this who is wronged, and exercise mercy towards this who is hurt. And extend to those who can not repay a debt. And provide advice to the Muslim society.

The messenger (ppbu) said: {whoever guarantees me what is between his lips and what is between his thighs then I will guarantee him/her paradise}

The messenger (ppbu) said: {do not gloat over someone's grief or misfortune, for Allah will bless him and inflict you}.

The messenger (ppbu) said: {Whoever fasts the month of Ramadan then follows it with fasting six days of Shawal, then it is like he/she fasted eternity}. Because a good deed is the equivalent of ten then fasting the month of Ramadan is like fasting ten months. And fasting six days of Shawal is like fasting sixty days of two months. And that is a total of twelve months. Also fasting the six days of Shawa is a confirmed Sunnah which follows Ramadan to clean any mistakes or over sights or mistakes that may have happened during the fasting of Ramadan.

A call to continue and to donate

I want you to know that this Mosque we are in now was established only through your support and cooperation towards and for the sake of the Muslim community and its services.

When you go home now go in a different rout to that you used to come over her to the Mosque. Do visit each other. Visiting cemeteries is not a sunnah.